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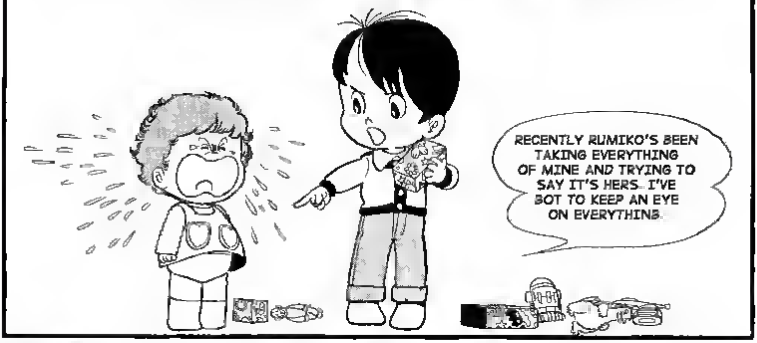
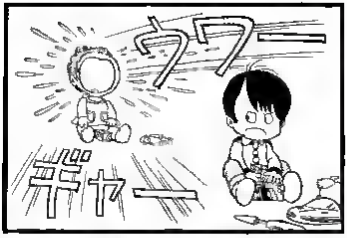
CHAPTER 4: IT'S MINE, RUMIKO. NO, IT'S MINE, MAKO!





*ONE OF THE FOUR ISLANDS NORTH OF JAPAN CONTROLLED BY RUSSIA BUT JAPAN SAYS (IN A QUIET VOICE) SHOULD BE THEIRS.

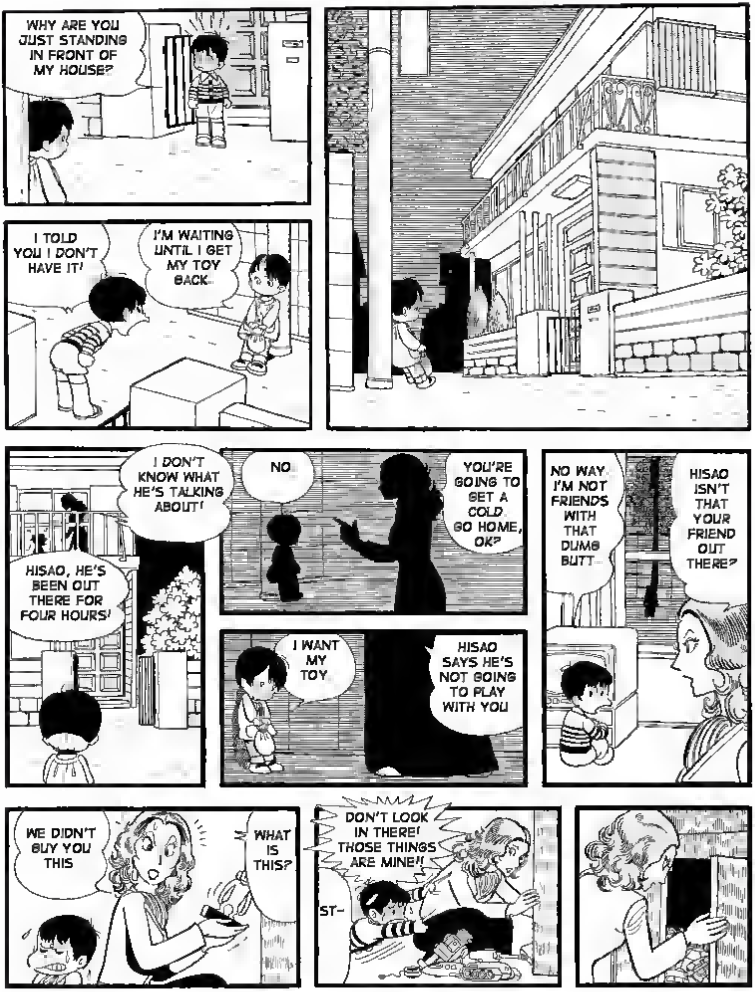
CAN'T LET GO OF HER FOR A SECOND
THOSE ARE ALL MY TOYS!
STOP IT!
NO! THIS BOOK IS MINE!
MAKO... YOU NEED TO BE A NICE OLDER BROTHER AND LEARN TO SHARE WITH RUMI! NOW THAT'S THAT!
THIS IS MY BOOK!
I DON'T WANT TO! STOP!
YOU CAN'T SHARE EVEN ONE LITTLE THING!
WHY IS IT THAT...
MAKO! GIVE RUMIKO THAT BOOK RIGHT NOW!!
NO!
HERE, RUMIKO...
GIVE ME THIS!!

LOOK. IT CAN DANCE!
I BOUGHT THIS IN AMERICA
DON'T TELL YOUR SISTER AND I'LL LET YOU HAVE IT
HEY MACK COME HERE
GOOD GRIEF
YOU CAN'T HAVE IT. IT'S ALL MINE.
IT'S MINE!
LOOK WHAT DAD GAVE ME!
SHE WOULDN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH IT ANY-WAY.
WELL I CAN'T GIVE HER ONE. I BOUGHT THAT WHEN I WAS OVERSEAS!
RUMIKO WANTS A MONKEY TOO
NOW JUST WHY IS THAT?
WELL THEN YOU NEED TO TAKE IT BACK FROM MAKO.
IF RUMIKO DOESN'T GET ONE, MAKO DOESN'T EITHER.
YOU'D JUST BREAK IT IF I GAVE IT TO YOU NOW.
I'LL BUY YOU ONE WHEN YOU'RE OLDER, OK?
LISTEN RUMI. YOU'RE TOO YOUNG FOR THAT TOY.

JUST HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO
GO GET THAT TOY FROM MAKO
LIKE RUMIKO UNDERSTANDS YOUR LOGIC
WE NEED TO TREAT BOTH OF THEM ACCORDING TO THEIR AGE
TREATING RUMIKO AND MAKO THE SAME DOESN'T MAKE SENSE
HE'S ON A TRIP
THE MONKEY?
ABOUT THAT TOY I GAVE YOU
HEY [redacted] MACK
WHY IN THE WORLD DID YOU DO THAT?
YOU LENT HIM TO YOUR FRIEND?
YOU WON'T EVEN LEND IT TO YOUR SISTER!
I LENT HIM TO MY FRIEND HISAO AT PRE-SCHOOL
I WON'T TELL MOM OR RUMI BUT I'LL TELL YOU DAD
A TRIP?

HISAO! OH, MAKO
HISAO KNOW HIM?
DID HE SAY WHO?
SAYS HE LENT IT TO SOME FRIEND AT PRESCHOOL
I DON'T GET THAT KID
THE TOY I GAVE YOU! GIVE IT BACK!!
YOU DIDN'T GIVE ME ANY TOY!
TOY?
HISAO, GIVE ME BACK THAT TOY I GAVE YOU YESTERDAY
WHAT TOY?
THAT TOY IS AS GOOD AS GONE!
HISAO IS A SPOILED ROTTEN TROUBLE-MAKER
HE NEVER GAVE ME ANY TOY!
HE WON'T GIVE ME MY TOY BACK!!
H-HOLD ON NOW
YES I DID!
YOU'RE LYING! GIVE IT TO ME! GIVE IT!!
GET OFF ME! I NEVER GOT ANY TOY FROM YOU!
WHAT IS GOING ON? STOP IT YOU TWO!!

EVERY-ONE'S AGAINST ME!
STUPID MAKO! STUPID TEACHER!
I'M NOT A LIAR! HE'S THE LIAR!!
MAKO ARE YOU SURE YOU GAVE HIM YOUR TOY?
A LITTLE ARGUMENT!? MY SON IS CRYING HERE! HE SAYS YOU WON'T LISTEN TO HIM.
YES. WELL, THEY HAD A LITTLE ARGUMENT TODAY
MAYBE IT'S JUST BEST TO WAIT AND LET IT RESOLVE ITSELF...?
I DON'T KNOW WHICH OF THEM IS TELLING THE TRUTH.
EXCUSE THE CALL, BUT... HAVE YOU HEARD FROM MAKO? HE STILL HASN'T COME HOME
WHAT?!
I DON'T THINK I'LL BE ABLE TO FEEL HE'S SAFE WITH JUST YOU THERE
I'M THINKING I'LL NEED TO START GOING TO THE SCHOOL WITH HIM.
I'M SURE IT'S JUST SOMETHING WITH THAT HISAO
I DON'T EVEN WANT TO THINK ABOUT THAT
HE'S PROBABLY SULKING IN THE PARK
I'M GOING TO GO LOOK FOR MAKO
YOU DON'T THINK HE'S BEEN KID-NAPPED, DO YOU?
WHERE COULD HE—
HE LEFT SCHOOL THREE HOURS AGO?
DID ANY-THING HAPPEN AT SCHOOL TODAY?


WHY ARE YOU JUST STANDING IN FRONT OF MY HOUSE?
I TOLD YOU I DON'T HAVE IT!
I'M WAITING UNTIL I GET MY TOY BACK.
I DON'T KNOW WHAT HE'S TALKING ABOUT!
HISAO, HE'S BEEN OUT THERE FOR FOUR HOURS!
NO.
YOU'RE GOING TO GET A COLD. GO HOME, OK?
I WANT MY TOY.
HISAO SAYS HE'S NOT GOING TO PLAY WITH YOU
NO WAY. I'M NOT FRIENDS WITH THAT DUMB BUTT.
HISAO ISN'T THAT YOUR FRIEND OUT THERE?
WE DIDN'T BUY YOU THIS.
WHAT IS THIS?
DON'T LOOK IN THERE! THOSE THINGS ARE MINE!!
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LET'S KEEP THIS A SECRET FROM YOUR MOTHER, OK?
HERE YOU GO
STUPID MOM! I HATE YOU!!
THAT'S IT!
IS THIS IT?
CAN I HAVE IT? PLEASE?
MAKO WE WERE WORRIED ABOUT YOU!
RITSUKO! MAKO'S BACK HOME!
OK!
PROMISE YOU WON'T TELL NOW...
THAT MUST BE WHY HE DIDN'T WANT TO GIVE IT BACK!
OH!
MAKO. YOU BROKE MY MONKEY!
LOOK AT THIS THING IT'S BROKE
WHY WON'T YOU SAY ANYTHING?
WHERE WERE YOU?!
THIS KID'S PROBLEMS ARE MORE CONFUSING THAN THE ONES ON THE NEWS
I GUESS HE'S JUST AT THAT AGE—
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
SECRET! CAN'T TELL YOU
AH!
WHAT?